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THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SUPREME AFRICAN SPORTS COUNCIL OPENED YESTERDAY IN TUNIS WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF SPORTS OFFICIALS FROM ELEVEN AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

THE SESSION WAS OPENED BY MR. FOUAD MBAZAA, THE TUNISIAN MINISTER OF YOUTH AND SPORTS, WHO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS SESSION AND CALLED UPON AFRICAN SPORTS OFFICIALS TO DEFINE A STRATEGY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS IN AFRICA.

THIS STRATEGY, MR. MBAZAA SAID "SHOULD PERMIT THE CREATION OF A MECHANISM OF PERMANENT SPORTS EDUCATION THAT IS ENTIRELY INTEGRATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS."

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING SESSION, MR. A.A. ORDIA OF NIGERIA AND PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL SAID THAT THE "MISSION ASSIGNED TO THE COUNCIL IS NOT EASY. IT NEEDS, FOR PURSUING ITS OBJECTIVES AND FOR MEETING ITS OBLIGATIONS TOWARD THE CONTINENT, THE COLLABORATION AND PARTICIPATION OF ALL MEN OF GOODWILL".

THE SESSION, EXPECTED TO LAST UNTIL SUNDAY,
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APRIL 28, WILL DISCUSS SEVERAL SUBJECTS, INCLUDING

A STRATEGY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS IN AFRICA,
THE CREATION OF AN AFRICAN SPORT AND RESEARCH
INSTITUTE, A CHARTER FOR AFRICAN SPORTS AND THE
PROGRAM OF SPORT COMPETITIONS BETWEEN AFRICA AND
THE U.S.

AFRICAN COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN THE MEETING
INCLUDE NIGERIA, NIGER, SENEGAL, GHANA, UPPER VOLTA,
CONGO, KENYA, ZAMBIA, CAMEROUN, ALGERIA AS WELL
AS TUNISIA. ITEM. STRATMON

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